

## LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Percy Fitzgerald having, with much pain, "granularized" a "Life of Garrick," sold the book the other day for \$10.

Mr. James Whitcomb Riley is one of the few writers of verse who find poetry profitable. It is said that he has accumulated a comfortable sum of dollars, and he has lately purchased, as a permanent dwelling-place, the old Indiana homestead of his family.

In the midst of his tortuous endeavors to be witty, it must be consoling to Mr. Oscar Wilde that he is so frequently the cause of wit in others. Every now and then Mr. Whistler turns the dash light of his epigrammatic humor upon him, and the harmless insect "bird of paradox" is revealed in a new aspect. The latest title invented by Whistler for Mr. Wilde is "Le bourgeois malgre lui."

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian author, says that music is his amusement, and digging in his garden and fields his recreation. He is very proud of having brought into cultivation at Gudbrandsdal what was once only a crop of stones.

The English version of Prince Henri d'Orléans's narrative of his adventures in Tonkin and Siam will be published within a few weeks.

The just published Vol. IV. of the English Reports of State Trials, contains the trial of Moxon for the publication of Shelley's "Queen Mab"—a work which was mentioned in the charge as "a scandalous, impious, blasphemous profane and malicious libel and concerning the Christian religion." It will be remembered that Moxon was found guilty, but was never called on for judgment. "Except," says "The Academy," "that Sergeant Talfourd seized the opportunity to deliver an eloquent harangue, explaining to the jury that he felt he was 'moving tremulously among sacred things,' it is difficult to see what good cause was served by proceeding against Moxon."

Names in novels seem very important to M. Zola, who believes that a mysterious correlation exists between the man and the name he bears. "I always," he says, "judge a young author by the names which he bestows upon his characters. If the names seem to me to be weak, or to be unsuitable to the people who bear them, I put the author down as a man of little talent, and am no further interested in his book. Names should possess a consonance in a book and the name bestowed upon him by the author is a very grave defect."

## BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

**THE PRINCE OF INDIA; OR, WHY CONSTANTINOPLE?** By General Lew Wallace. 18mo. (Warren & Hovey.)

**THE SIDE POCKET ALMANAC.** A Guide to Palmyria. By Mrs. Eliza East-Henry. 12mo. 15c. pp. 152.

18mo. \$1.00. By a Priest. (Boston, 1890.) 19c. pp. 62. (The Arena Publishing Co.)

**THE SETTLEMENT OF THE JEWS IN NORTH AMERICA.** By Charles P. Eliot. 12mo. \$1.00. (With illustrations and Appendix.) Max J. Kohler, A. M., LL. B. 12mo. pp. 171. (Philip Cowen.)

**A PRIESTESS OF COMEDY.** A Novel. From the German of Natale Natale. Translated by Elise L. Lathrop. Illustrated. 8vo. pp. 307. (Robert Bonner's Sons.)

**THE FROLER CASE.** A Novel. From the French of L. J. Lacoste. Translated by H. O. Cooke. 12mo. pp. 220. (Robert Bonner's Sons.)

**MRS. CURGENVEN OF CURGENVEN.** By S. Baring-Gould. 12mo. pp. 365. (Lovel, Corry & Co.)

**BIRDS IN A VILLAGE.** By W. H. Hudson. 8vo. pp. 288. \$1.00. (L. C. Lippincott.)

**NOTES ANGELS.** By Nathan Haskell Dodge. 12mo. pp. 327. (Leech & Shepard.)

**THE NEW BIBLE AND ITS USES.** By Joseph Henry Crooker. 18mo. pp. 286. (George E. H.)

**JOEL MARSH.** AN AMERICAN AND OTHER STORIES. By W. H. Hudson. 12mo. pp. 268. (Ward, Lock & Bowden.)

**THE TRUE GRANDEUR OF NATIONS.** By Charles Sumner. A. Oration. pp. 132. (Lee & Shepard.)

**SEVENTH BIENNALE REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF THE STATE STATISTICS OF ILLINOIS.** 1892. 8vo. (State Printer, Springfield, Ill.)

**THE PRINCESS MARGARETHE.** By John D. Barry. 12mo. pp. 208. (John D. Barry.)

**FACTS AND FICTIONS OF LIFE.** By Helen H. Kerr & Co.

**THE FAIENCE VIOLIN.** By Charnley. Translated by William Henry Bishop. 18mo. pp. 170. (D. Appleton & Co.)

**LITTLE MISS HILARY.** And Other Stories. By Barbara Yeruchim. 16mo. (Thomas Whitaker.)

**MOTHER'S BEDTIME TALES.** By Minnie E. Kenney. 18mo. pp. 158. (Thomas Whitaker.)

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD.** By Arthur Brooks. 12mo. pp. 300. (Thomas Whitaker.)

**BULBS AND TUBEROUS-ROOTED PLANTS.** Their History, Culture, and Mode of Propagation, and Complete Directions for Their Successful Culture. Illustrated. By C. L. Allen. 12mo, cloth. pp. 320. (New York: Orange Judd Company.)

**THE MAYOR GOING TO CHICAGO.**

Many Gilroy came back to New York with his family from Saratoga yesterday. After attending a meeting of the Democratic State Committee to-day the Mayor will start for Chicago, taking the 4:30 p.m. train on the New-York Central Railroad. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Gilroy and the children.

President McClellan, of the Board of Aldermen, will return from his trip to Canada on Monday and assume the duties of Acting Mayor. To-morrow the city will be without an executive head.

**A MAD DOG IN THE MENAGERIE.**

A mad dog found its way into the Central Park menagerie yesterday and was shot. It was shortly after 10 a.m. when "Pete" Shannon, one of the keepers, while cutting up meat for the animals in the small room in the rear of the pigeon house, heard a noise outside of it. Suddenly, however, a black mongrel cur dashed into the room where he was and snapped at the bird. Shannon just then was and jumped on the mad brute, biting him self with his claws. The dog took refuge behind some boards. A policeman came to Shannon's aid, and he soon got out of the room, closing the door behind him. He then went for a gun, and returning with it, shot the brute. The dog was undoubtedly mad.

**A CROTON WATERSHED DEAD LINE.**

The State Board of Health held a meeting at the Murray Hill Hotel yesterday morning. There were present Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Edson, Dr. Batch, Dr. John Donnan and State Engineer Schenck. After a long discussion of a dead line on the Crotton watershed, within which the deposit of polluted matter should be prohibited, it was decided to establish the following limits: 300 feet from any of the lakes, reservoirs or rivers; 200 feet from streams; 200 feet from rivulets and 150 feet from springs.

**JOHN JAY CHU AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.**

John Jay Chu, who, although of Chinese parentage, is an American citizen, having been born in San Francisco, was detained on Thursday night on the Ward Line steamer Niagara. The steamer reached here from Havana on Thursday with thirteen Chinese on board. The rule is to detain all Chinamen until the authorities make an investigation to determine whether or not they have a right to land. Chu was detained under a writ of habeas corpus issued by the Collector of Customs. When he found that Chu was an American citizen and had been born in San Francisco, he had a passport signed by James G. Blaine, who he was secretary of State.

Ten of the remaining twelve men were held by the Chinese, who are five students, four actors and one merchant in this party. The two who were released are merchants.

**FEDERAL BUILDING ALTERATIONS.**

Postmaster Dayton, who returned from Washington into Thursday night, said that he had consulted with Secretary Carlisle and Chief Supervisor of Architects O'Rourke of the Treasury Department about alterations to the Postoffice, and found those officials much interested in the work.

A new skylight would be put in at once, and the system of ventilation would be improved shortly.

Mr. Dayton said he had seen no postal officials in Washington, and, therefore, the story was untrue that he had gone there to make his peace with Postmaster-General Bissell. It is known that Mr. Dayton gave deep offence to the department at Washington by his criticisms of it just after he became Postmaster.

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